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In re: Application of: **David BENDERLY**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.